



King County
EDUCATION SPECIALIST
PUBLIC HEALTH- SEATTLE & KING COUNTY
PREVENTION / HIV/AIDS PROGRAM / NEEDLE EXCHANGE
Two positions, each at 30 hours/week
Hourly Rate Range \$17.76 - \$22.51
Job Announcement No.: 03RM3555
OPEN: 7/9/03 CLOSE: 7/22/03

WHO MAY APPLY: These 2 career service positions are open to all qualified candidates.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: **Employment Services, 999 3rd Avenue, Suite 1230, Seattle, WA 98104**. Applications materials must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the closing date. (Postmarks are NOT ACCEPTED.) Contact Michael Hanrahan at (206) 205-5509 for further inquiries.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A [King County application form, data sheet](#), resume and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required.

WORK LOCATION: 1511 Second Avenue, Seattle, and various outreach sites as assigned

WORK SCHEDULE: These positions are overtime eligible for hours worked over 40 per week. It will normally work a 30 hour work week; variable times between 8:00am and 9:30pm, Monday through Saturday; some evenings and weekends required.

PRIMARY JOB FUNCTIONS INCLUDE: Provide accurate and culturally appropriate HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, STD, harm reduction, and other health information to individuals who use drugs by injection. Responsible for daily operation of needle exchange sites in multiple locations including: exchanging syringes, preparing and distributing harm reduction materials, providing resource information and service referrals to exchange customers, overseeing assigned volunteers, stocking and maintaining needle exchange supplies, and assuring proper disposal of biohazardous waste. There are currently four van based locations that will need to be served and the potential for additional sites in the future. The individual will be responsible for loading and unloading the van and re-supplying the service counter, including retrieving and carrying containers weighing up to 30 pounds on a regular basis from shelves up to seven feet high.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent communication skills, especially the ability to effectively communicate a broad amount of information in a culturally appropriate, consistently respectful, non-judgmental manner to a wide variety of audiences, including people who may be high, mentally ill and/or angry.
- Skill in providing excellent customer service as verified by reference checks with previous employers and/or agencies in which volunteer service was performed.
- Skilled in working with drug users, particularly injection drug users, in a non-judgmental manner.
- Current knowledge of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and other blood borne pathogens.
- Knowledge of street life and slang vocabularies.
- Knowledge of concepts and skilled in the application of harm reduction interventions with drug users.
- Knowledge of local drug treatment, health care and criminal justice systems and resources.
- Skill in resolving conflict and defusing aggressive and/or violent behavior as verified by reference checks with previous employers and/or agencies in which volunteer service was performed.

- Ability to work independently following established protocols and policies.
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- NOTE: one of these positions is assigned to ensure appropriate language and cultural services to Spanish-speaking drug injectors. Fluency in Spanish is a desirable qualification for this position.
- High school graduation or equivalent and two years health, social service or related experience with injection drug users.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: WA State Driver's License; ability to drive a ½ ton van; ability to repeatedly lift 30 pound boxes over one's head. The selected candidates must pass a thorough background investigation. Employees are required to protect the privacy and security of protected health information as defined in State and Federal Law

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Positions in this classification will be represented by Local 17.

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